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## Letter dated 17 September 1999 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 3rd plenary meeting of its fifty-fourth session pertaining to the allocation of items to the Second Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/54/250). Those recommendations were approved by the General Assembly, also at its 3rd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to paragraph 47 and the relevant part of paragraph 57 of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(*Signed*) Theo-Ben **Gurirab**

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# Annex

## Allocation of items to the Second Committee

1. Macroeconomic policy questions (item 97):
   (a) High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development;
   (b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries;
   (c) Trade and development;
   (d) Science and technology for development;
   (e) External debt crisis and development.
2. Sectoral policy questions (item 98):
   (a) Industrial development cooperation;
   (b) Business and development.
3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (item 99):
   (a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;
   (b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II);
   (c) Women in development;
   (d) Human resources development;
   (e) International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues;
   (f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;
   (g) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership;
   (h) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.

   [The General Assembly decided that, in the light of decision 53/443 of 15 December 1998, the plenary meeting to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Population Fund would be held on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, in the morning.]
4. Environment and sustainable development (item 100):
   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21;
   (b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa;

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

5. Operational activities for development (item 101):

[The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women would be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 101 (Operational activities for development).]

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries.

6. Training and research (item 102).

7. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources (item 103).

8. Globalization and interdependence (item 104).

9. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006) (item 105).

10. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I to V and VII (sections A to C and E to H) and IX] (item 12).

[The General Assembly decided that the chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Third and Fifth Committees, as follows:

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| (a) | Chapters I, VII (sections B and C) and IX ..... | Plenary meetings and Third and Fifth Committees |
| (b) | Chapter II ..... | Plenary meetings |
| (c) | Chapters III to V and VII (section A) ..... | Plenary meetings and Third Committee] |